



## National Interagency Fire Center

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To: Geographic Area Coordination Groups  
From: National Multi Agency Coordinating Group  
Subject: Mobilizing Qualified Cooperator Resources

Requests for resources continue to flow in for California incidents. Engines and personnel to staff and manage those resources remain a critical resource need. Federal and California resources are committed. State and local resources from many areas have provided assistance but we need to call upon more cooperators to provide the types of structural equipment and personnel requested for California. At present, we have a pending request for 125 Type 1/2 engines, 25 Type 3/4/5/6 engines, and 30 Task Force Leader/Strike Team Leaders. We anticipate a continuing flow of orders over the next month.

The NMAC is requesting that all state and federal agencies reach out with information to cooperators with resource needs. The objective is find those qualified resources and place them in ROSS. Agencies should work closely with district, zone and local dispatch centers to contact local agencies, identify resources available and help status available resources in ROSS for national mobilization.

Some resources may need to be ordered through compacts due to lack of standing agreements or other issues. NMAC encourages agencies to facilitate filling those orders through state emergency management agencies when this is necessary.

Given the prospects for a lengthy and demanding fire season, it is critical for agency fire personnel and dispatch centers to communicate regularly with the leadership of cooperating agencies. They need to be kept aware of the possible long range need for resources, and be advised of pending orders. Most important, encourage all agencies to status qualified resources.

When local resources are in need of support for mobilization, dispatch centers are encouraged to assist in arranging travel for personnel and transport of equipment if necessary. Some qualified resources may not choose to make themselves available due to perceived barriers related to mobilization costs.

Dispatch centers play a critical role in meeting the fire resource needs beyond just performing the dispatch function. The NMAC is asking that agency fire personnel and dispatch centers use all messaging systems and means at their disposal to contact and help status qualified resources.

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